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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/032,801

Applicant(s)

GONZALEZ ET AL.

Examiner

Gollamudi S Kishore, Ph.D

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6-28-04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-21,23,24,37,38,40-47 and 49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 5-21 23-24 37-38 40-47 and 49
49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

The RCE filed on 6-28-04 is acknowledged.

Claims included in the prosecution are 1-2, 5-21, 23-24, 37-38, 40-47 and 49.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-2, 5-21, 23-24, 37-38, 40-47 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The distinction between 'silicone rubber' and 'silicone resin' recited in independent claims is unclear. Art appear to both terms as the same. US 5283063 is cited as interest in this context (col. 7, lines 51-53).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 1-2, 23-24, 37-47, 49, 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson (EP 1 136064 A2), and further in view of Garrison et al. (US 6355264 B1) as set forth in the previous action.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered, but are not found to be persuasive. Applicant amends the independent claims to define the powder as 'hybrid silicone powder as having silicone rubber powder particles and a silicone resin chemically bound to the surfaces of said particles' and argues that Anderson does not

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teach these. These arguments are not found to be persuasive. A careful review of instant specification on page 8 indicates that what applicant uses and defines the powder as " a hybrid polymer powder is a cross polymer selected from, but not limited to, silicone, dimethicone, cyclomethicone, vinyl dimethicone, organomodified silicone, organomodified dimethicone, and any combinations thereof. A preferred hybrid silicone powder is vinyl dimethicone/methicone silsesquioxane crosspolymer, available commercially as KSP 101 from Shin-Etsu Silicones". Page 4, col. 2, lines13-15 of EP indicates the use of dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer. Therefore, the reference meets the requirements of instant claims. Applicant's only arguments with regard to Garrison et al is that the reference does not teach these particles et al and therefore, not found to be persuasive.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gollamudi S Kishore, Ph.D whose telephone number is (571) 272-0598. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM- 4 PM, alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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